

Yonehara Beach Rules

Many marine organisms such as coral and fish live in Yonehara Beach, which is designated as the Iriomote-Ishigaki National Park. However, the increase in the number of visitors and inappropriate use for the beach have affected the conservation of the natural environment and the lives of local residents. In order to conserve the natural environment of Yonehara Beach and promote its sustainable use, please cooperate with the following rules.



Do not catch wild marine organisms.

(The harvesting of corals, tropical fish, giant clams, etc., is regulated by the Natural Parks Act and the Okinawa Prefecture Fisheries Adjustment Regulations.)



Do not damage corals.

(Coral damage is regulated by the Natural Parks Act. Do not step on and/or break the corals.)



Do not feed wild marine organisms such as tropical fish etc.

(Feeding affects the behavior of the fish and the balance of the marine ecosystem.)



Do not use harpoons or underwater guns.

(Underwater guns are prohibited by the Okinawa Prefecture Fisheries Adjustment Regulations.)



Use environmentally friendly sunscreens.



Wear a life jacket or wet suit when swimming and protect yourself with a rash guard.

(Prepare for unforeseen accidents and prevent contact with dangerous marine organisms.)



It is extremely dangerous to swim in stormy weather (when a warning has been issued and/or when a typhoon is approaching or passing)!

⚠ The number of accidents involving children is increasing. Please be sure to accompany your children and keep an eye on them.

⚠ Do not enter the sea if you feel unwell or have consumed alcohol.

Preparatory council to consider the rules for Yonehara Beach

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Do not build bonfires or set off fireworks on the beach.



Please use the campsite for barbecues.
(Application for the use of the campsite is required in advance.)



Do not make loud noises such as playing loud music.



Do not smoke on the beach.



Do not use a drone when there are many people on the beach.



Do not bring back coral fragments and sand from the beach.
(It is regulated by the Natural Parks Act and/or the Beach Act.)



Do not use cars and bikes on the beach.

Please use the parking lot instead of parking on the street.



Do not bring in garbage and take it home with you. Do not place garbage in nearby residential areas.



Change clothes in a suitable place and do not walk in the village in a swimsuit.



There are fast-flowing places, so please check the signs (看板) installed near the beach.
At a store, you can rent life jackets and snorkel gear.
In facilities where AED (AED) is placed, there may be staff who can cope with injuries.